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## <u>December 10 re-opening</u>

## Ruck-A-Chucky Campground Closed For Rehabilitation Project

AUBURN – Due to a rehabilitation project, the Ruck-a-Chucky Campground of the Auburn State Recreation Area is closed to public use, California State Parks officials announced today.

As part of the California State Parks' commitment to providing adequate facilities for park users, the whitewater boating put-in and take-out area is being rehabilitated, said Park Superintendent Jill Dampier. California Boating and Waterways has provided funds for improving the boat launching facilities, she said.

In addition to the development of the new whitewater boating put-in and take-out facility, the project includes improvements to the existing ramp and parking area, and the installation of two new restroom facilities.

"We are very excited about this project because it will help us meet the needs of a growing user group. Ruck-a-Chucky is the main take-out for the very popular Class 4 river run from Oxbow Dam, and the put in for another very popular Class 2 river run to Mammoth Bar," Dampier said.

The campground is closed because there are no sanitary facilities available and because of the construction traffic. In addition, most of the campsites are being used by the Sierra District Trail Crew and the California Conservation Corp while working on a trail project at the Ruck-a-Chucky Falls area.

The area will remain open for day use, though use may be limited due to construction activities. "We hope the project will be complete by December 10<sup>th</sup> at which time the campground will be re-opened," Dampier said.

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